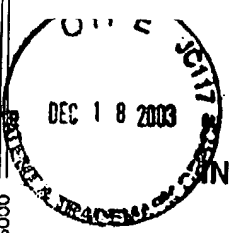


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APPELLANTS' BRIEF UNDER 37 CFR §1.192

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Dear Sir:

I. Real Party in Interest

The real parties and interest in this case are John G. Posa and Ronald W. Citkowski, Applicants and Appellants.

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II. Related Appeals and Interferences

There are no appeals or interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

III. Status of Claims

The present application was filed with 19 claims. Claims 1-8 were withdrawn from consideration after Appellants elected claims 9-19 for prosecution in response to an October, 2001 Restriction Requirement. Claims 9-19 were canceled and new claims 20-23 were added by amendment in May 2003. Accordingly, claims 20-23 are under appeal.

IV. Status of Amendments Filed Subsequent Final Rejection

No after-final amendments have been filed.